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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, has been amended as follows:

The present invention relates to improvements in a connector portion of an indwelling catheter which is left implanted in an ~~artillery~~ artery, a vein and the like and is used for infusion, blood transfusion, artificial dialysis and the like, and more specifically, to a catheter which is improved in a connection operation and is capable of, when left implanted in an ~~artillery~~ artery, a vein and the like, preventing the leakage of blood from the catheter until a cap or a infusion line is connected to the catheter.

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 15 has been amended as follows:

There is heretofore been an indwelling catheter of the type which includes a female connector connected to a tube to be left implanted in an ~~artillery~~ artery, a vein and the like; and a hemostasis valve which is provided in this female connector comprises a body having a slit and being fitted in the female connector and a pusher provided for slidable movement in the female

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connector and operative to press and open the slit of the body
(refer to, for example, JP-A-2002-263197).